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Weather.

Generally fair tonight and tomorrow.

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Brilliant Reception by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

DIPLOMATS AND THEIR LADIES

They Led the Line, and All Legations Were Represented.

THEN CAME THE JUDICIARY

THEN SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, THE ARMY AND NAVY AND MARINE CORPS. PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES AND CITIZENS.

Ninety years ago today the White public observation, but had a score of House was first used for a public reception. Officialdom in those days was said average visitor to get close to the head of the nation as it does now on ceremonious occasions, but history does not record that once inside his movements about the flowing of their uniforms, whether court, military or naval; the that, once inside, his movements about the structure were hindered or hastened in any way by police or secret service men as alas! must be the rule now. The big nobs and the little fellows came and went as they pleased and there were things to the state dining room, each embassy or the state dining room, each embassy or



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the formal functions of the winter. From national and local governments, the for- Loeb. eigners accredited here and the various patriotic societies, etc., precisely and in the assisting party in the blue room. A of his predecessors have done in the years was Mrs. M. A. Fairbanks, mother of the Vice President. She was handsomely the public, which saw no material dif- fichu. ference in the manner of its reception, when contrasted with similar events in the last twenty years. Unlike officialdom. however, which is constantly augmenting W. Timmons, Mrs. U. S. Grant 3d, Mrs. along that thoroughfare merged into a its forces, the New Year morning "public" Elihu Root, jr., Miss Hinds, iss Ada great crowd about the scene of the fire, is rarely so large that it cannot be ushered in and out of the mansion within an

#### The Weather Good.

The weather conditions today were good for an event in which much time is spent exposed to the air entering and leaving the house. The glorious sunshine of yesterday was missing, and the Rooseveltian New Year combination of sunshine and balminess, which has not often failed, was only enjoyed in a modified degree.

No artificial light ordinarily illumines a daylight event in the White House since Mrs Roosevelt became its mistress, but today it was necessary, and there were lights along the corridor and other places where the daylight was not suf-

ficient to gladden the scene.

No florel riot now burdens the mansion of late years, either. Along the corridor the niches had a harmonious massing of foliage plants, the vases on the mantels in the east room were filled with white blossoms, rows of primroses-that servatory standbys-adorned the mantels in the red room, and n the blue room, where all the grand doings took place, and those invited to "assist" filled every foot of floor space, just a few green feathery vines on the mantels showed above the heads of the smartly coiffured

#### A Busy Hour.

The last hour before the reception began was a busy one both within and without the house. 'The "public," whether it ultimately meant to fall into line somestreet and wait patiently till the procession advanced to the front door at one, was on hand early. It had plenty of in-teresting local color to make the hours leasant and profitable waiting. The coming of one or two red-coated Marine Band men every now and then, carriages dashing up to the entrance and back again to the street, policemen taking up positions from gate to White House steps, were each incidents in turn to relieve the tedium. At the east entrance those who watched there saw the arrival of another privileged few, but the majority of those taking part in the reception for the first half hour, either as assistants or as spe-cial guests, entered the house by the

household servants to meet and wait upon

tion. Officialdom in those days was said to be not only a small but a simple body, the interest which always attaches itself which mixed with the public and was not so much afraid of being mistaken for it as, it is hinted, it is now. Simple ways at a sembled there, to direct it to the blue room if it was to "assist," or to the state dining ruled around the President's home. It did not take as long in those times for the For the average looker-on, the foreigners

as they pleased and there were things to eat and drink around the sideboards and the state dining room, each embassy or the the state dining room, each embassy or the the state dining room, each embassy or cording to seniority in service here, and when the reception was about to begin the Italian ambassador, accompanied by his wife and the members of his staff, were nearest the blue room door, the procession behind them extending across the red room as well as along the south and west sides of the state dining room. Col. Charles S. Bromwell and the other military aids to the President were early on the scene also. A few minutes before 11, as the four buglers took up their positions at the foot of the staircase, the officers went upstairs to escort the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their receiving party to the blue room. Their presence in the corridor was heralded by the fanfare of trumpets and the deafening, even if melodious, opening bars of the Marine Band's New Year morning concert.

After the receiving party had passed back of the rope in the blue room the Vice President and the members of the cabinet exchanged formal greetings with the President and then with Mrs. Roosevelt, and down the line. The Secretary of State then stepped to the left of the President and presented each member of the diplomatic corps. All the rest of the made by Col. Bromwell,

Secretary and Mrs. Root left the recep-tion shortly after the diplomats passed along the line, so as to be at their own home in time to receive them. Only twenty minutes was on the official program for the reception of the diplomats but it was all that was necessary.

#### The Procession Downstairs. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt were

followed downstairs by the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, Secretary and than the fireman had during the big bliz-Mrs. Root, Secretary Cortelyou, making zard. his first outing after his recent illness, he New Year program least of any in with Mrs. Cortelyou, Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Meyer, the Attorney General and Mrs. 1 today the President received Bonaparte, Secretary and Mrs. Straus esentatives of every branch of the and Secretary Wilson, escorting Mrs. Loeb. All of this party stood in line with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt exgone by. At 1 o'clock he was at home to gowned in black satin, with a point lace

### Others in the Blue Room.

The others invited to the blue room were Mrs. W. C. Fairbanks, Mrs. John avenue, and the festive throng surging Hinds, Miss Alice Meyer, Miss Julia Some of the horn blowers were the first Meyer, Mrs. Stanley-Brown, Mrs. Edward to discover it, and as the fire grew Broad-



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Shafer, Mrs. Leonard Hochstader, Mrs. where between the west gate and 17th Isadore Straus, Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. Bromwell, Mrs. Sims, Miss Hagner, Mrs. Ru Mrs. M. C. Latta, Mrs. Robert Bacon Miss Bacon, Mrs. D. G. Adee, Miss Adee, Mrs. - Huntington Wilson, Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, Miss Oliver, Miss Marion Oliver, Mrs. Choate, Mrs. Truman H. Newberry.

son, Mrs. Harlan, Miss Harlan, Miss Ruth Harlan, Mrs. R. D. Harlan, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. White, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs.



Fire Fiend Keeps the Depart= ments on the Jump.

NEW YORK HOLDS RECORD Figone, sixteen years of age, and almost PROHIBITION AT MIDNIGHT

Thirty-Two Alarms Were Sounded in Three Hours.

One Killed and a Heavy Money Loss in San Francisco-Six Flats Destroyed.

NEW YORK, January 1.-It was a very busy New Year that the firemen saw ushered in. In fact, they could not remember when they had been busier or responded to more alarms than they did in the short space between midnight and 3 o'clock dangered many spectators, but no one this morning. Thirty-two alarms were sounded in that time, a greater number

### Started Promptly.

A second alarm was sounded. gates at the entrances of the building shut out the firemen, who were obliged to break a plate glass window on the 5th avenue side. After that the fight was a

### Sensational Escapes.

There was a fire out of the ordinary at o'clock this morning in the tenement at 2266 8th avenue, which was the home only in their night clothing.

The fire had cut off escape by the staircapes when Hunt got out on a window sill separating 2266 from the building numbered 2268. He reached one foot over to the sill of 2268, a stretch of three feet, and with that foot and one hand broke a

down the stairway. McLaughlin did exactly the same trick on the opposite side, breaking a window at 2264 and getting in there. Both men were cut about the feet and hands in

PITTSBURG, January 1 .- Two firemen were seriously injured and damages estimated at \$100,000 resulted today from a fire which completely destroyed the Excelsior building, located on the southwest Mrs. Frank H. Briggs, Mrs. William
Frye White, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Clay,
Mrs. Cullom, Miss Victoria Fisher, Miss
Elenore Cullom Ridgely, Mrs. Elkins, Miss

Elenore Cullom Ridgely, Mrs. Elkins, Miss floors. Owing to the holiday there was killed a woman,

## no one in the various offices occupying the building. A few minutes after the fire department arrived the walls on the 6th avenue side collapsed and a number of persons had narrow escapes from death. Overhead

that brought death to Charles Figone

eight years of age, fatal injuries to Louis

Figone home, was crowded out of a sec-

and three flats on Filbert street, the prop

Fire/and Gas Explosions.

SAGINAW, Mich., January 1.-Fire to-

day destroyed the second-hand store of

Tattee & Co., 123 South Hamilton street,

the Salvation Army barracks and two

buildings occupied by John B. Meinberg

and the Valley Produce Company. The

plant of the Saginaw Woodenware Com-pany was also badly damaged. Total

loss estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000. Gas

explosions at the scene of the fire en-

Three Children Perished in Flames.

in attempting to rescue her children.

broke out in a large brick factory build-

loss here was over \$10,000. One of the

engines was overturned on its way to the

ELECTRIC ROAD TO BE OPENED

FEBRUARY 10.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 1 .- An-

of the Washington, Baltimore and An-

The road is practically completed, ex-

cept for a distance of five miles from

Westport, where the line enters Balti-

The terminal station at 15th and H

streets northeast, in Washington, will be

and difficult engineering problems

New Year Pardon.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 1 .- Gov.

Harris announced today that he had given

the New Year pardon to Dallas Wash-

burn of Huron county, who was sentenced in 1896 for second degree murder, having

TO BALTIMORE

blaze and five firemen were injured.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

erty of Ignatio Lassoli

electric wires were thrown down and greatly impeded the work of the fire-fighters. The origin is not known. Death in San Francisco Flames. SAN FRANCISCO, January 1 .- Fire

> cost the lives of fifty others broke out in a building in the coal yard of Antonio Figone, 1638 Stockton street, early today and caused a loss of \$50,000. When the fire started Mrs. Dominico Divinbenzi, who lives in the rear of the

PITTSBURG LOST BIG BUILDING

Special Dispatch to The Star.

The majority of these were false alarms which were turned in by revelers who seized a wild desire to put a fitting climax to a rollicking night by sending the firemen on a fruitless mission.

The first real fire of the year 1908 started in the basement of the St. Ann building at 3 and 5 West 18th street at just one minute past midnight. P. K. Wilson, an way was almost deserted, the thousands ened horses to a place of saf ty the owner there pressing against the fire lines and of the stable, Milton Hoagland, dropped hampering the work of the firemen. The dead of heart failure, reserves of three precincts kept them in

of eight families. It started at the bottom of the elevator shaft and shot up to the upper floors, mushrooming out and driving the tenants to the street, clad

Thomas Hunt, twenty-one years old, a Thomas McLaughlin delayed his escape to help Hunt give the alarm. It was the 10 next. rather sensational escape of Hunt and McLaughlin which added interest to the

and was playing about the fire es-Then he crawled in and got

getting away. The rest of the tenants were uninjured. Pittsburg Fire Hurts Two.

City as Dry as the Inside of a Lime Kiln.

of Twelve.

ond-story window by her daughter. Mary, and fatally burned and injured. The daughter is missing.

The fire spread rapidly and destroyed six

Stop Enforcement of the Law by Injunction.

yesterday. Men are at work tearing down COLLINSVILLE, Ill., January 1.-The

PHILADELPHIA, January 1.-Two serious fires ushered in the new year in the comment was of a policeman in uniimporter of laces, occupies the basement northeastern section of Philadelphia this form, who with two quarts of liquor in and first floor. The fire was near 5th morning. The first, a four-alarm blaze, his arms and an equal amount in his system, visited the establishment of a negro Ambassador Bryce Asks Our Governing at Cadwallader and Berks streets and did a total of \$150,000 damage. The fire undertaker and fired his revolver five threatened a livery stable adjoining, and times. Another man, a well-dressed in the excitement of removing the fright- stranger, wearing diamonds, was arrested for drunkenness and taken to a patrol box. He resisted when the officers at-The second fire was in a building at the tempted to place him in the wagor and

#### corner of 3d and Cumberland streets. The was clubbed into insensibility. Liquor in a Church.

hours yesterday. Toward the latter part of the evening everything was free. One saloon keeper gave away thousands of dollars' worth of cut glass decanters, drinking glasses and statuary.

Rev. Len G. Broughton, who had declared he would break a bottle of liquor in the center aisle of his church, the Baptist Tabernacle, as whisky went out and prohibition came in, was prevented by a nouncement was made today at the office state law that has long been in effect which makes it a crime to carry intoxi- English estates, which are in York-Thomas Hunt, twenty-one years old, a napolis Electric railway that the road cants of any kind into a house of workenant of the fourth floor, discovered the would be placed in operation between would be placed in operation between broke an empty bottle, which apparently served the purpose as well.

It is believed that the prohibition law

will not be put into effect in a number of the larger cities of the state, for some Smiths Hill, in Anne Arundel county, to of them have already announced that a dealers. In Atlanta, however, the lawill be rigidly enforced, it is declared.

#### Enjoin the Law. A forlorn hope for the dealers was

erected by William S. Spencer, to whom the contract has been awarded by the Washington Railway and Electric Company. At first the road will be operated tion restraining the enforcement of the on half-hour schedules from either end law. The application was filed by counof the line. Ten express cars are now in the shops at Academy Junction, and further deliveries of rolling stock will be made each week. General Manager Shanahan states that the delay in opening the road has been due to bad weather of liquor. The petition was presented to United

States Judge W. T. Newman of the cir-cuit court. He read the papers, and after

OTHER CITIES ARE WAVERING

flats on the corner of Filbert and Stockton streets, the property of Mrs. P. Ferrar, also a saloon belonging to Mrs. Bricca Outside Brewing Interests Try to

as dry today as a powder horn. The

explosion of a lamp in the home of Elmer Duwinski last night set fire to the house and three children perished in the flames. unusual. Thousands of persons thronged editor, having learned that Secretary Taft The victims, aged, respectively, eight the streets with nearly every conceivable years, four years and eighteen days, were variety of vessels which would hold in bed when the explosion scattered coal oil all over the room and saturated the liquor. Along the principal streets where York train, wired to Worcester and asked bed clothing, which at once burst into a blaze. The mother was seriously burned in attempting to rescue ber children sidewalks were impassable on account of the crowds. But there was little disorder Two Serious Fires in Philadelphia.

One arrest which caused considerable

One wholesale house is said to have sold \$10,000 worth of liquor in fifteen

system of fines will be imposed upon the

sprung at about 6 o'clock last evening, when application was filed for an injuncsel for brewers outside of the state. The application claimed that the law contradicts another state law, which provides that money received from the sale of liquor shall go to the public school fund. It contended that this requires the sale

state to join them in order to carry the case into the United States court.

#### ALABAMA GOING DRY.

Prohibition Has Invaded 50 of the 67 Counties.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 1 .- Fifty of the sixty-seven counties in Alabama are dry under the local-option provisions It Will Consist of 980 Deleof the state law today. In the other seventeen counties liquor may be sold for one year more. Then Alabama, as a state, joins the roll of dry common-

the shricking of whistles and the peal of church bells. All day yesterday liquid refreshments were being sold at bargain Reduction of Territories and Disprices, and when night came many of the smaller saloons were completely sold out. Large quantities of brandy and champagne were bought by private persons for their cellars. There was little drunkenness or disorder.

ness or disorder.

The removal of the saloons has produced a marked slump in the rents of business locations, although the greater number of the better locations have already been rented.

#### PROHIBITIONISTS HAPPY.

#### Rejoice Over Defeat of John Barleycorn Down South

Special Dispatch to The Star. CHICAGO, January 1.-There is joy today among prohibitionists over the bumps that have been received in the last twelve menths by "King Alcohol" and "Old John Barleycorn." The new year will mark large additions to "dry" districts

throughout the country. Local leaders in the "dry" camp point out that Georgia and Oklahoma now have passed into the prohibition column, while Mississippi is waiting only for its legislators to keep their pledge to pass a prohibition act for that state. The new year, they say, will see 40,000,000 persons living in prohibition territory in the United States, and party leaders predict that the white flag soon will wave over states where opposition to the temperance movement heretofore had been keen.

"The two latest acquisitions to the probabilities was Oktober and hibition ranks are Oklahoma and Georgia," said Alonzo E. Wilson, at Chi-cago prohibition headquarters today. "Alabama has voted against liquor and Mississippi will follow next month. In Illinois we have a good start in fourteen

### FED MANY OF THE HOMELESS.

Chicago Man Dispensed Hot Coffee and Rolls for Three Hours. pecial Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, January 1.-To feed the nungry and bring comfort to the hopeless formerly a Chicago newspaper man, stood and Jefferson streets.

He fed every homeless person who away from him the large state delegafrom 11 p.m., 1907, to 2 a.m., 1908. Hundreds of men and several women partook' of his bounty and then went on their way Liquor Flowed Freely Till the Stroke rejoicing. He "served" from a wagon which he hired earlier in the day, a cup of hot coffee and two rolls to each wait

who approached him.

Human derelicts of the type seen in midwinter in the slums when employment s slack were the people whom he went out to find that he might relieve their hunger on the first of the new year. It was his "good resolution" for 1908.

REPUBLICANS EXPLAIN.

Providence Man Tells Why They

Did Not Entertain Taft. Special Dispatch to The Star.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1.—There was no political significance attached to change was made smoothly and without in Providence last night. The republicans would have entertained him had there entire state, was effective at midnight. been any one to take the initiative, but Today there are nearly 300 stores closed the fact was that they had not kept themselves informed as to his itinerary. Furthermore there was great uncertainty

as to the hour of his arrival. Frederick Roy Martin, editor of the Journal, and John R. Rathom, managing Missouri. would arrive at 8 o'clock and that he would have to wait in the railroad station for an hour to connect with the New the Secretary to be their guest at the Hope Club. His acceptance having been Hope Club. His acceptance having been received, Mr. Martin telephoned to Gov. Higgins and half a dozen other prominent citizens to come to the club and meet Mr

The affair was impromptu and wholly of

# SEARCH FOR AN HEIR.

#### ment to Look Up Missing Man. Special Cablegram to The Star. LONDON, January 1 .- According to

dispatches from the United States, Ambassador Bryce has requested the American authorities to search for Genille Cave-Browne-Cave, who has succeeded to the title and estates of one of the oldest baronetcies in the kingdom, on flight in the hope of capturing the Lahm the death of his father. Genille has cup for the longest serial trip in this been searched for in vain. He went to country. America many years ago, after a quarrel with his father, and entered the service of a New York firm of naturalists, for whom he hunted big game in the far east. Afterward he was a cowboy in Arizona, and later was heard of in Denver.
But a London friend is said to have

received a letter from Genille, which the latter makes no secret his address or his movements, and it is stated that he has made arrange-ments by mail for the control of his

#### FLYING EXCLUSIVE SPORT. Henry Farman on the Future of the

Aeroplane. PARIS, January 1 .- Henry Farman, who on Monday flew a kilometer in a

great advance in aeronautics.

"Twelve months from now." he said. we will have aeroplanes which will fly ten or twelves miles easily without once touching the earth. I don't believe, how-ever, that flying will ever become the sport of the masses. It will always be too difficult for most people to learn."

#### Eloping Chauffeur Arrested. Special Cablegram to The Star.

an informal discussion with the attorneys said he would announce his decision to-day. It is thought the local liquor dealers are back of the movement, but it was necessary to get interests outside of the mobile in London.

eighteen-year-old girl, named Grace Law-lis estimated at \$150.000. Milton Hoagland, aged fifty years, the owner of a stable adjoining the building, dropped dead from excitement while removing horses from his place.

# NATIONAL REPUB-LICAN CONVENTION

gates.

In this county prohibition came in amid THE LAST ONE HAD 994

trict of Columbia Make Less.

FAVORITE SON STRENGTH

Combined It Makes 256 and They Represent a Powerful Element of Opposition to Taft.

The republican national convention which assembles at noon, Tuesday, 16th of June, will consist of 980 delegates. The last convention was composed of 994 delegates, but the national committee reduced the representation of the territories and the District of Columbia from six delegates to two delegates. Oklahoma comes in with fourteen delegates, and these respective changes fix the

total representation at 980. The territories will ask for representation by six delegates each, but it will rest with the convention whether they

are to be ceded or not. the national committee it will be in order to hold conventions after January 7 for the selection of delegates to the national convention upon the giving of thirty days' notice. It is expected that a number of states will hold their cona number of states will hold their conventions during February and by that time there will be a practical showdown of the strength of the opposing candidates for the nomination. Practical politicians do not attach a great deal of importance to the declarations which have been made by state complitions. have been made by state committees up to this time. For instance, the Nebraska state committee adopted a resolution fa-voring Secretary Taft, but it is said that less than one-third of the committee were present and the resolution was adopted

by the bare majority of one vote. Definite Shape in Six Weeks. Politicians are of the opinion that re-

publican presidential politics will begin Malcolm McDowell, now a banker, but to take definite shape within the next six weeks; that within that time it will be for three hours last night without an demonstrated whether Secretary Taft is overcoat in the open air at West Madison to be confronted by a coalition of opposing candidates for the purpose of keeping

> In the national convention it will require 491 votes to nominate. The combined strength of the favorite sons is 256, consisting of the votes of Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, omitting Ohio. If these votes can be kept from Secretary Taft by the "favorite son" they will represent a powerful element of opposition, and with the votes of other states supposed to be hostile to him for one reason and another will make a very hard proposition for the Taft managers to negotiate. The representa-tion of the several states and territories in the national convention follows:

Representaton by States and Terri-

Arkansas...... California..... Oklahoma.
Oregon.
Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island. Indiana ..... Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin Maryland..... Massachusetts..... Michigan..... Wyoming...... Dist. of Columbia.

### New Hampshire... New Jersey..... New York.... GLIDDEN TO GO UP.

#### Famous Automobilist Will Forsake Terra Firma.

Total ..... 980

Special Dispatch to The Star. BOSTON, January 1.-In the largest balloon ever sailed in this country Charles J. Glidden, the automobilist and originator of the Glidden tour, is to attempt a flight next summer from Fort Omaha, Neb., to Boston, a distance of 1.800 miles. The balloon will have a gas capacity of 85,000 cubic feet, and although it will seat fifteen people, Leo Stevens, the American aeronaut, will be Glidden's only companion on the trip.

The huge gas bag will be built by Stevens, and he will pilot it on the Glid-den tour. Mr. Glidden will make the If he should suceed in sailing from

Fort Omaha to Boston Mr. Glidden will have broken all records. It is expected that the trip will be made the latter part of July or the beginning of August. Mr. Glidden leaves on January 15 for an automobile tour of India, and will return just a short time before the balloon trip

### SHOT UP THE STORE.

Spectacular Revolver Battle in Chicago. Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., January 1 .- Show cases and fixtures in the cigar store of M. Baumgartel, at 93 22d street, were smashed and riddled by bullets in a spectacular revolver battle yesterday between two alleged burglars and two po-

The policemen surprised the men while closed circle in his flying machine, says they were at work in the store and orderhe expects the year 1908 to witness a ed them to surrender. For answer they drew their revolvers and fired several shots. Fifty shots were exchanged in all and over \$600 damage was done to the furnishings of the store. None of the combatants was injured, and the men were finally overpowered and arrested. Four revolvers and large quantities of

### Fire Induced Heart Failure.

ammunition were taken from them

PHILADELPHIA. January 1 .- Fire LONDON, January 1.—On the arrival of early today destroyed the large four-story the steamship Majestic at Plymouth from building at Cadwalader and Berks streets, New York today detectives arrested the this city, occupied by Kerr. Saylor & Co., chauffeur. James Henry Parrott, who manufacturers of carpets, and the Penneloped from London last month with an sylvania Gas Fixture Company. The loss eighteen-year-old girl, named Grace Law- is estimated at \$150,000. Milton Hoagland,